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In re the application of:)

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AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003 (Paper No. 17) is due by October 15, 2003. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

For the purpose of placing the above-captioned application in immediate condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In response to Paper No. 17, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.